

**City Light Advisory Board Meeting
November 1, 2005, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
MEETING SUMMARY**

Board members present: Carol Arnold, Jay Lapin, Sara Patton, Randy Hardy, Gary Swofford

Also present: Jorge Carrasco, DaVonna Johnson, Danny Melgoza, Sam Kurle (City Light), Alec Fiskien, Julie Tobin (Office of Policy & Management)

Superintendent's Update

- Water supply. Conditions are better than expected.
- BPA pass through. The pass through resulted in a small rate reduction averaging 2 percent for customers.
- Integrated Resource Plan. There is a public workshop on November 14. More information can be found at: <http://www.seattle.gov/light/news/issues/irp/>.
- Progress on Advisory Board recommendations. The Board had requested an update on issues included in their last annual report. In response City Light provided an accomplishment document. If Board members have specific questions they can call DaVonna Johnson and she will get the answer or have the appropriate staff respond.
- Executive Compensation. Board members received a copy of the Mercer report.

Electric Service Installation Process

Sam Kurle, Project Manager, gave an overview of the process. The initiative addresses customer service installation issues and will result in identified improvements. The 9 member customer steering committee will provide an objective, customer-driven assessment of the electrical service installation process and provide continued feedback on the initiative.

The Advisory Board commented that this was a great pilot and a good example of a step toward becoming a high performance organization and improved stakeholder participation. It was recommended that the initiative adopt goals, benchmarks and targets so that results can be measured against targets and the outcomes could be compared to other utilities. Kurle said one of the key objectives was to develop those benchmarks.

Executive Compensation Ordinance

The legislation has been referred to Council committee. Superintendent Carrasco gave an update on his meetings with Councilmembers. The large industrial users and the Chamber of Commerce are supportive of the legislation. The Chamber has sent a letter of support to Councilmembers. DaVonna Johnson has received a copy and will send the letter to Board members. DaVonna will also talk to Carol Butler to ascertain the Council schedule for the legislation, and pass that information on to Board members. Jay Lapin will follow up with the Municipal League. Those interested in the legislation can speak at the public comment section of the hearing or submit letters to be included in the public comment section of Councilmembers briefing books.

Strategy for Public Involvement

Sara Patton gave an update on the City Light public involvement proposal. Board members were disappointed that there will be no action within the Board's timeframe given that the proposal needs more detail and is basically a proposal for a process to design a process for inclusion in the 2007 budget. Sara Patton will e-mail the proposal to other Board members.

Meeting with Blue Ribbon Panel

The meeting with the Blue Ribbon Panel will be on November 22, 8-10 a.m. in the Boards & Commissions conference room. The discussion will help clarify the Board's recommendation on the continuation of an Advisory Board to be included in the final report. Austin Energy and Colorado Springs were cited as worthwhile Advisory Board models.

Annual Report

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and editing the draft report.

December Agenda

Superintendent's Update
Strategic Planning – Steve Call
Optimization – City Light
Management Flexibility – Randy Hardy
Strategy for Public Involvement – Sara Patton
Annual Report – Carol Arnold